

REMARKS

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 30, 2004, Applicants hereby amend Claims 1, 3-6, 9-11 and 14-18; cancel Claims 2, 7, 8, 12, 13, 19 and 20 and add Claims 34-49. Reconsideration of all of said claims is respectfully requested.

The specification is amended to formally make of record the cross-reference to related applications which was originally submitted in the application transmittal. The present amendment is made to insure proper entry of the priority claim.

Original Claims 1-20 are primarily rejected based upon double patenting rejections. As to the statutory double patenting rejection of Claims 1 and 4-11, Claim 1 is amended so as to further differentiate this claim from the corresponding claim of U.S. Patent No. 5 852 904. This is believed to remove the statutory double patenting rejection.

Also, Claims 1-20 are rejected under an obviousness type double patenting rejection over the same '904 patent. A Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith relative to the '904 patent which is believed to overcome this obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

Based upon the foregoing, all of Claims 1, 3-6, 9-11 and 14-18 are believed in condition for allowance. It is noted that these claims also have been amended to eliminate the Section 112 informalities identified on page 2 of the Office Action.

Further, additional Claims 34-38 are hereby added which are dependent claims connected to the string of the above-identified claims. As such, Claims 34-38 are also believed in condition for allowance.

Still further, Applicants submit additional Claims 39-49 and request consideration of such claims. These claims are believed patentably distinguishable from the prior art of record. As to independent Claim 39, this claim defines the wall panel assembly as having the box beam structure as part

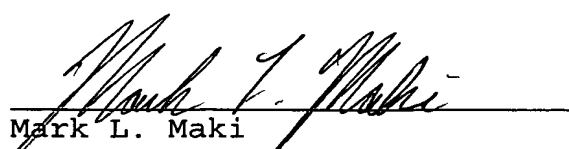
of the frame and a plurality of cover panels which mount to the frame to overlie an open interior thereof. The cover panels define a space between the frame and the interior side of the cover panel to permit the passage of cables laterally therethrough while horizontal gaps are formed along horizontal edges of the cover panels to define additional passages for cabling. This arrangement is not believed to be disclosed, taught or suggested by the prior art of record.

Applicants also submit independent Claim 46 which defines a wall panel assembly as having a frame with an open interior adapted to store cables therein. The wall panel assembly has a plurality of vertically spaced apart mounting channels adapted to support mounting brackets of wall panel components and a plurality of cover panels which are mounted to the frame to overlie the open interior wherein horizontal gaps are formed along horizontal edges of the cover panels to define passages for cabling. This combination also is not believed to be disclosed, taught or suggested by the prior art of record. As such, added Claims 39-49 also are believed allowable.

Applicants also will submit in due course an Information Disclosure Statement to formally make of record the prior art contained in the parent applications. It is believed that the parent applications already have been considered during the normal course of examination, but Applicants respectfully request citation of such art on the issued patent.

In view of the foregoing, all of the pending claims are believed in condition for allowance. Further and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully solicited.

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